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PATENT APPLICATION

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2875

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Shingo SUZUKI et al.

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

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In reply to the November 13, 2002 Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 8 as follows:

8. (Amended) A spread illuminating apparatus having a bar-like light source disposed in the vicinity of an end surface of a transparent substrate made of a light transmissible material, characterized in that said bar-like light source is composed of a light conductive member which is made of a transparent material, formed bar-like and disposed close to and along at least one end face of said transparent substrate, and a spot-like light source which is disposed facing at least one end of said light conductive member, and that a light guiding member guiding light is provided between the end of said light conductive member and said spot-like source;

wherein said light guiding member and said light conductive member are formed integrally from a one-piece member.

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